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Public Opinion Sought on Central Ohio Transportation Projects Draft Transportation Improvement Program Available for Review

(COLUMBUS, March 12, 2013) – The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) announces the availability of the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for State Fiscal Years 2014-2017 for public review and comment. The final draft will be available late March. MORPC is accepting public comments on the TIP through April 25, 2013.

The TIP is a schedule of transportation improvements important to the MORPC transportation planning area (Franklin and Delaware counties, Violet and Bloom townships in Fairfield County, and Etna Township and Pataskala in Licking County), which will use almost \$2 billion in federal, state and/or local funds from July 2013 through June 2017. The TIP shows transportation improvements such as highways, public transit, bikeways, pedestrian facilities, bridges, major signal projects, etc., many of which undergo a federally required air quality conformity analysis. This process also is being used to meet the public participation requirements for Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA's) and Delaware Area Transit Authority's (DATA's) program of projects. The TIP includes some planning and engineering studies that may lead to construction in later years. The TIP also considers effects upon low-income and minority residents.

Copies of the Draft TIP are available at MORPC offices, Columbus Metropolitan Library branches and main libraries in Delaware, Licking, Fairfield and Franklin counties. The Draft TIP can also be reviewed on MORPC's website at <http://www.morpc.org/tip>. If you have any questions about proposed project locations, dates, costs, etc., please submit in writing to Robert Lawler, Director of Transportation, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio, 43215 by 5 p.m., April 25, 2013, or submit comments via email . MORPC is scheduled to act on the TIP on May 9, 2013.

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